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## **Free WiFi service offered in parts of downtown**

Parts of downtown now have free WiFi service as a result of a partnership between the city of Wilmington and Epproach Communications.

The new WiFi service allows users to check email and surf the internet while in downtown. The city is working with Epproach Communications LLC, a provider of Wireless Broadband services in Savannah, Ga., and Wilmington N.C., to offer the service. The company is providing the service without cost to the city.

The website that provides an entry to the internet from this WiFi zone uses many of the same links on the official City Website. To use the City Port Free WiFi network, users need only to conduct a "search for wireless networks" from their laptop or wireless enabled device and select the "City Port Free WiFi" identifier that is displayed. Access to the system requires users to create a simple account username and password. Access is limited to 30-minute, renewable blocks of time.

Currently the WiFi coverage includes much of Water Street in central downtown, the foot of Market Street, and the area surrounding Thalian Hall and around the city administrative buildings.

If this project is successful, other public spaces such as selected city parks may get WiFi service as well.

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## City Port Free WiFi Network Coverage Areas



The City Port Free WiFi Network Coverage Map shows coverage at street level represented by blue lines. The network can be accessed by conducting a “search for wireless networks” from a laptop or other wireless device. The ID for the network is “city port free wifi.” User experience will vary depending on user equipment specifications and proximity to the nearest Wireless Radio.

Solid **BLUE** lines indicate existing WiFi Coverage

Dotted **BLUE** lines indicate new WiFi coverage as of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005

